

# Brentwood NEWSLETTER



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Brentwood, New Hampshire

February 2018

The following filings for Town and School Offices were made during the required period from January 24 to February 2, 2018:

Office	<u>Selectmen</u>
Positions Available	2 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Ken R. Christiansen William C. Faria Phyllis Thompson
Office	<u>Cemetery Trustees</u>
Position Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	David F. Menter
Office	<u>Library Trustees</u>
Positions Available	2 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Brian Daniel Duffy Douglas Mansfield Elizabeth (Liz) McConnell Tracy Waldron
Office	<u>Moderator, Town of Brentwood</u>
Position Available	1 for 2 years
Candidate(s)	Richard Chamberlain
Office	<u>Municipal Budget Committee</u>
Positions Available	2 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Elizabeth Faria Keith Levitsky
Office	<u>Planning Board</u>
Positions Available	2 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Mark Kennedy Stephen Hamilton
Office	<u>Town Clerk &amp; Tax Collector</u>
Position Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Daphne Woss
Office	<u>Trustees of the Trust Funds</u>
Position Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Julie Avant
Office	<u>School Clerk (Swasey)</u>
Position Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Phyllis Thompson

Office	<u>Supervisors of the Checklist</u>
Position Available	1 for 2 years
Candidate(s)	Melinda Nordell
Office	<u>School Board – Brentwood Dist.</u>
Positions Available	2 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Scott Dennehy
Office	<u>Treasurer, Swasey School</u>
Position Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	John W. Mitchell
Office	<u>Moderator, Swasey School</u>
Position Available	1 for 3 years
Candidate(s)	Douglas M. Cowie, Jr.
Office	<u>Cooperative School District Board</u>
Positions Available	1 for each listed position
Candidate(s)	<u>Exeter (for 3 years)</u> Margaret (Maggie) Bishop <u>Kensington (for 1 year)</u> Robert L. Hall <u>Newfields (for 3 years)</u> Paul Bauer <u>Stratham (for 3 years)</u> Helen Joyce
Office *	<u>ERCSD Budget Advisory Comm.</u>
Positions Available	1 from each town for 3 years
Candidate (s)	<u>East Kingston</u> David Pendell <u>Exeter</u> Lovey Oliff <u>Stratham</u> Deborah Bronson Penny Lee
Office *	<u>Co-op. School Dist. Moderator</u>
Position Available	1 for 1 year
Candidate(s)	Katherine B. Miller

\* Voters from all towns in the District may vote for these candidates

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Town of Brentwood  
www.brentwoodnh.gov

## TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 14  
Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 10 Fax: 642-6310  
Monday–Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Phone: 642-6400 ext 16  
Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday  
of the month at 7 p.m.

## BRENTWOOD POLICE

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 642-8817

## BRENTWOOD FIRE

Emergency: 911  
Non-emergency: 642-8132

## MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355  
E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net  
www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday 2-7 p.m.  
Tues. & Weds. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Story Hours  
Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30 a.m.  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 2 p.m.

## SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487  
Swasey on the Web: scs.sau16.org  
SAU 16 on the Web: www.sau16.org

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submissions for the following month must be  
received by the 15th. Send your news to

Email: [brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com)  
Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

## Recycling Pickup Dates

February 6 & 7   February 20 & 21

## Waste Tonnage Figures

Tons, mixed solid waste  
Tons, recycled goods

## November

149.79  
46.35 (23.6%)

## December

110.66  
25.35 (18.6%)

*Karen Clement, Town Administrator*

## Town Clerk Notes

- The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office will be closed Monday, February 19th for President's Day.
- We only accept **CASH OR CHECKS**. When registering your car, please bring **TWO** checks, one for the state and one for the town.
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to register BOATS, OHRV, Snowmobiles and provide hunting/fishing licenses.
- Dog Licenses are available!! All current (green) dog licenses expire April 20, 2018.
- Save the date: Annual Rabies Clinic at the Brentwood Fire Department on Rte 125 and Middle Road on April 14, from 9 am to 12 pm. Details will follow next month.

*Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

## Thank You to the January Newsletter Crew

It is with much appreciation and a big Thank You to all of the many volunteers who showed up at the Town Office to help out with folding and stamping of the January edition. 1300+ copies were folded, sealed and labeled in a RECORD 1 hour.

Special thanks to Lesley Morgan for layout of the January edition of the *Newsletter*.

If you can help the *Newsletter* crew by forming a group of 6 to 8 volunteers to fold, seal and label one month, please contact Robin or Michelle at [brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com).

## Business Card Directory

The Business Card Directory is published in April, September & December. Cost is \$20 per insertion and is open to (1) any resident of Brentwood who owns a business in Brentwood or a surrounding town, or (2) anyone who owns a business in Brentwood, even if you don't live in town.

If you would like to be included on the annual mailing list, please contact us at [brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com).

## Business Advertising

Half and full-page business promotions are available for purchase in the *Brentwood Newsletter*. The cost is \$100 for a half-page submission and \$200 for a full-page submission. Business articles may include one photograph. If you would like to submit a write-up telling our readers about your business, please forward to [brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com). Checks should be made out to *Brentwood Newsletter* and mailed to The Brentwood Newsletter c/o 102 Middle Road, Brentwood NH 03833. Submissions and payments may also be dropped off at the Town Office.

## Announcements

Do you have an important milestone you'd like included in the *Brentwood Newsletter*? A marriage, birth, university graduation or milestone anniversary? Please send your announcements – and photo, if you'd like – to [brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com).

### Are You Running for Town Office?

The *Brentwood Newsletter* welcomes any candidates running for public office, to submit a brief statement regarding your candidacy. Please send your submission to [brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com) before February 15 to be included in the March edition.

### With Deepest Sympathy

**Raymond Henry Russell**, 88, of Brentwood died Dec. 27, 2017 at his home. He was born March 28, 1929 in Newburyport, MA, the son of the late Raymond Lawrence and Dorothy Woodwell (Hughes) Russell. He was the eldest of their eight children.

He was the beloved husband of the late Betty Lou (Kinard) Russell with whom he shared over 50 years of marriage. Ray and Betty enjoyed living on their “mini farm” for the past 40 years in Brentwood.

Condolences to the family of **Ruth Cail Magnusson**. Ruth, 93, passed at her daughter's home in East Kingston, NH on December 15, 2017. She was born in Exeter on August 18, 1924.

Ruth is survived by three sons, Carl E. Magnusson of Brentwood, Glenn A. Magnusson of Fremont, and John W. Magnusson of Kingston; two daughters, Dianne Worrall of Brentwood, and Joy Given of East Kingston.

With sympathy to the family of **Lois Ann (Stevens) Hatch**, who passed on January 19, 2018. Lois was born on July 1, 1929, in Kingston, to Edward J. and Annie Locke Stevens.

Wife of the late Randall Hatch, Lois was a life-long dear friend and cousin by marriage to Betty Stevens. She is survived by her brother Alan Stevens; children, Robert, Brenda and Courtney Gilman; grandchildren, Nathan Gilman, Hannah Gilman Mixter, Casey Gilman, Ethan and Travis Comeford.

**Joseph Gamlin Ready**, 72, died January 26, 2018. He was born June 22, 1945, to the late Warren J. and Ida-Bella (Gamlin) Ready.

Joe was a talented cabinet maker who owned and operated Advanced Custom Cabinets in Brentwood.

He is survived by his 3 children, Joseph Matthew Ready of Mooresville, NC, Shawn William Ready of Cleveland, TN, and Melissa Kennedy of Brentwood, 9 grandchildren, a sister, and several nieces and nephews.



**Above: Brentwood has a new Town Clerk/Tax Collector.** Daphne Woss being sworn in as the Town Clerk/Tax Collector by Phyllis Thompson, the retiring Town Clerk. Phyllis has been Brentwood's Town Clerk since 1979.

**Below: Daphne Woss swearing in her new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Kristin Patch.**



### To the Residents of Brentwood

My family and I would like to thank everyone who came out to the retirement party on Saturday, January 13th. It was a wonderful afternoon of meeting with friends from town and catching up with them. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be your chief these past twenty-two years.

Also, we would like to thank you for the many gifts that were given. It was very kind of you.

Sincerely, Wayne, Diane and Sherry Robinson

### Special Thank You

I would like to thank all the residents who turned out Saturday (January 13th) for my retirement to make the day a special one.

Thank you!  
Phyllis Thompson

Congratulations to Wayne Robinson, Phyllis Thompson and Carolyn Thorsell upon their retirement. Their many years of leadership and service to the town of Brentwood is much appreciated.





## Are You Interested In Scouting?

Brentwood Cub Scout Pack 192 is welcoming new members! Our pack is taking part in a nationwide pilot program welcoming boys *AND GIRLS* in grades K-4 to join Cub Scouts starting *this month!* Do you have a boy *or girl* who is interested in scouting? Find out more about Cub Scouts in your community at [beascout.org](http://beascout.org), or email [brentwoodpack192@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodpack192@gmail.com) for more information.

It's February and that means it's time to celebrate the birthday of scouting at our annual Blue & Gold banquet. We would like to extend an invitation to any member of the Brentwood Community that is or has been involved in scouting in Brentwood over the past 51 years! In addition, we would like to invite anyone to attend who is interested in learning more about scouting. The banquet will be held on Thursday, February 15th at 6 pm at Grace Ministries on Rt 125 in Brentwood. This is a special night for Arrow of Light scouts as they "crossover" to become Boy Scouts!

At our January pack meeting Cub Scouts were amazed by a presentation on "Raptors!" led by Bethani and Tiffany from On The Wing. On The Wing rehabilitates injured raptors, educates the general public about the fascinating birds, and advocates for their safety. Find out more at: <https://www.facebook.com/On-The-Wing-798754400162245/>.

The annual winter overnight is something that Scouts really look forward to and this year they are being hosted by the Children's Museum of New Hampshire. This is a fun night where scouts and their parent chaperones sleep over at a New England museum where they get the entire place to themselves to explore and have fun! In the past we have gone to the Ecotarium, Battleship Cove, and the Museum of Science in Boston.

Do you have a child starting Kindergarten in the fall of 2018? Brentwood has a Lions Den (specifically for Kindergarten-aged boys and girls)! If your child is interested in scouting, we would love to hear from you! Contact [brentwoodpack192@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodpack192@gmail.com) for more information.

*Amy Brown, for Pack 192*

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## Brentwood Gardeners Will Hear About CSAs

The next meeting of the Brentwood Gardeners will be Tuesday, February 20, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room of Pilgrim Church on Middle Road. Members will start the evening with their famous Chili Supper, which was postponed from the January meeting. After a short business meeting, the group will welcome guest speaker Kate Donald. Kate and her husband Jeff are the owners of Stout Oak Farm on Middle Road. It operates as a CSA farm, Community Sponsored Agriculture. Kate will offer a quick review of what it means to be a CSA farm, and update us on any other activities the farm is involved with. Friends and interested residents are welcome at Gardeners' programs.

For further information please contact the co-presidents – Torie Freeman, 778-3748, [torielfreeman1@gmail.com](mailto:torielfreeman1@gmail.com) or Linda Rousseau, 772-4534, [lindarou@comcast.net](mailto:lindarou@comcast.net).

*Linda Rousseau, for the Gardeners*

## Historical Society Receives Significant Records & Documents

In the past few weeks, the Historical Society has been happy to receive several batches of old records, documents, and letters.

Mr. Mark Newton of New Milford, NH, generously gave the Society a box of documents and letters relating to Brentwood history. Phyllis Thompson has just donated a collection of the minutes of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brentwood Fire Department, other papers and photos concerning the Auxiliary, and selected documents relating to town affairs. Looking back through the past year, as the Society put out the call for old photos, documents, and letters in preparation for the new town history book, many residents cooperated and brought a treasure trove of items. These were either scanned and returned to the owners, or given outright to the Society.

As all these items are properly conserved and organized, they add greatly to the information we can offer people who contact us for answers to their research questions. You might be amazed at how many people are out there, doing their family histories or other articles and contacting historical societies for details. The Brentwood Historical Society just created a new officer position, Research Correspondent, being filled by Albert Belanger, to answer the flow of mail, email, and website inquiries.

Please know that if your house is sheltering a collection of old papers, pictures and documents about Brentwood residents or properties, your Historical Society would be happy and grateful to scan them and give them back to you, or to receive them as a permanent donation.

### Browse or Do Research in the Museum

If you would like to take some quiet time to do research, or simply browse, in the Museum, contact the President, Rebecca Dunham, 642-3912 or [rebeccab.dunham@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccab.dunham@gmail.com), to arrange a time.

### Brentwood Town History Book

With just a very few copies of *Brentwood Through the Years* left for sale at the Town Office, the Historical Society is in the process of fixing small typos and expanding the index and will have more copies available for purchase later this summer. If you would like to be notified when copies are available, please send an email to [book@brentwoodnhhistory.org](mailto:book@brentwoodnhhistory.org) or leave your name and contact details with the Town Clerk. If you have noticed any glaring errors in the book, please notify us immediately at [book@brentwoodnhhistory.org](mailto:book@brentwoodnhhistory.org).

BHS website: [www.brentwoodnhhistory.org](http://www.brentwoodnhhistory.org)

*Linda Rousseau, Vice President*

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## If I Were President

The Junior American Citizens club met at the Mary E. Bartlett Library in January to discuss all things Presidential! The children listened to a book about our United States Presidents and learned what exactly a president does, played a Presidential Bingo game, and came up with their own ideas for what they would do if they were president!

JAC is a non-partisan program of the Molly Stark Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. All students in pre-school through high

school are invited to attend JAC meetings, there are no fees to participate and no required level of participation. The next meeting will be at the library on March 15th. We hope to see you there! Contact [julielynnford@yahoo.com](mailto:julielynnford@yahoo.com) with any questions.

*Julie Morrow*



Charlotte Kelly, Adele Zacher, Sophia Kelly, Anna Lu Kelly, Sophia Morrow, Emilee Butenas, Nick Morrow, and Luke Morrow present to Ms. Joyce Keegal their ideas of what they would do to make the country better if they were President.

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## Mary E. Bartlett Library News

**Dinner and a Movie! Thursday, Feb. 15th @ 6 pm.** "Kisses for My President." A 1964 movie about a woman (Polly Bergen) becoming President and how her husband (Fred MacMurray) handles being "First Husband." Dinner will be sandwiches, chips, drink, and cookies.

**Monday, Feb. 26th @ 6 pm** "Saving Capitalism" is a documentary film that follows former Secretary of Labor and Professor, Robert Reich, as he takes his book and his views to the heart of conservative America to speak about our economic system and present big ideas for how to fix it. Duration 1 hr. 30 min.

**Something Smells GOOD! Monday, Feb. 5th @ 6:30-8pm.** An Essential Oil Demonstration will be held in The Reading Room. Tracy Miller will present Essential Oils and how to use them effectively.

**Arm Knitting Workshop. Saturday, Feb. 10th @ 10am-noon.** Come learn how to Arm Knit (Ages 8 & up). This workshop will be held in The Reading Room. Please bring 2 skeins of "chunky" yarn.

**Fire Safety Tips. Monday, Feb. 12th @ 5:30-6:30pm.** This Safety First talk is for ages 10 & up in the Main Library Area. This time of year it is important to know how to keep our homes safe from the potential dangers of keeping warm. Presented by the Brentwood Fire Department.

**Line Dancing for Kids & Teens** during the break! Get the wiggles out and bring a friend on Tues., **Feb. 27th**, & Thurs., **March 1st**, 11-11:30 (ages 5-10) & 12-12:30 (ages 11-13), 12:35-1:15 (ages 14-18).

**Knitters Group** meets every **Tues. from 1-3pm & Thurs. at 7pm.**

**The Brentwood Bookers Discussion Group** meets on the **last Mon. night of each month at 7pm** at the Library for thoughtful discussion and sharing of ideas. New members are always welcome! Copies of the current title are available at the Circulation Desk.

*Kathy Sperounis, Library Director*

## Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

Please join us on Saturday, February 10th from 10-12 to learn how to arm-knit an infinity scarf, guided by Rebecca Federspiel. This workshop is free, but each participant must bring 2 skeins of chunky yarn to knit with. The Basement Bookstore will also be open at this time (as well as 2/24). Come browse our continually-updated selection of gently used books for adults, young adults and children.

If you're planning a "stay-cation" during the February school break, you might want to visit the Museum of Science in Boston. Reserve your tickets for reduced admission for up to 4 people on the library's website or in person at the check-out counter. Coming to the Museum February 4: *A Mirror Maze: Numbers in Nature*. Explore the 1,700-square-foot mirror maze with dead ends and secret rooms. A variety of displays and hands-on activities will enable visitors to explore patterns in our natural world and gain an appreciation for the beauty and importance of mathematics.

The Friends of the Library rely on donations to provide patrons with discounted passes to museums, such as the Museum of Science (which has an annual fee of \$700). If you appreciate this service and the programs we sponsor, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. There are donation envelopes at the library's check-out counter, and a PayPal button on The Friends' page of the library's website: <http://brentwoodlibrary.org/friends>. You can also donate directly from the Friends' Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofMEBLibrary/>.

Last year, the Friends sponsored the Book Lover Bash, a speed-dating-style opportunity to fall in love with books. Participants enjoyed the playful process and left with plenty of reading material. This year we will host a similar event on March 17th from 10-12. Participants will be able to take a chance on mystery books and may be lucky enough to find one (or more!) they treasure. Save the date and watch for details in next month's Newsletter.

If you love the library, consider joining our next Friends meeting on Valentine's Day, Feb 14th at 12:30 pm. If evening meetings are better for you, the March meeting will be held March 12th at 6:30 pm. You can attend a meeting and check us out without committing to anything further...although we'd love to have you continue with us.

*Jessica Paul, Secretary for Friends of the Library*

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## Save the Date for Bingo Night in March!

Swasey students and their families are invited to attend a family friendly FREE bingo night at the Swasey Gymnasium on Friday, March 23rd. More details to come.

A big shout out to Action Kids and all our PFG volunteers for helping to host another fabulous Brentwood Night event! The kids love having the entire gym to run, play, bounce and swing with their friends!

Thank you to all the Grandfriends who attended the annual Grandfriends Day at Swasey school on November 22nd! This is a special opportunity for Swasey students to welcome grandparents and 'grandfriends' to visit with them in their classrooms!

The finishing touches are being put on your child's Square One artwork! Watch for order forms to come home in your child's

Wednesday folder. This is a wonderful opportunity to show off your child's work while supporting their school at the same time.

The Wentworth Gardens Holiday Décor fundraiser was a big success again this year! Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. Because of your generosity we are able to provide our school with a variety of enrichment items and activities, show our support for staff, and plan or support SCS community events.

Box Tops collection boxes are out at SCS, Mary E. Bartlett Library and the Town Hall. Each box top earns our school \$0.10, so please send those box tops in, it really does add up!!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 20th at 6:30 pm in the SCS Library. SCS parents are encouraged to attend.

*Amy Brown*

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## Swasey Central School Update

Hello all! Our annual School District Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 9th here in our gym. During this time, the voters of Brentwood come to hear and vote on the proposed school district budget, warrant articles for the 2018-19 school year and the teacher contract. Thank you for your participation.

**Kindergarten and Grade 1 Registration** - Please call Swasey School (642-3487) to register your child for kindergarten and/or first grade for the 2018-2019 school year. Current kindergarten students do not need to re-enroll to move on to first grade. To qualify for kindergarten registration, your child must turn five years old prior to September 30, 2018 and/or six years old to register for Grade 1. Registration information is located on our school website.

**Grade 3** – Winter is a busy time in third grade. We move into some serious topics in social studies, beginning with slavery and civil rights and moving into Native Americans. Students will research famous African Americans and create a timeline to show significant life events. We will read articles and work within websites to explore these topics. Our writing is focusing on writing opinions, ranging from articles and letters to book reviews. In Math we are continuing to develop facts power using lots of different strategies, and will be exploring geometry and measurement concepts. Creating and understanding graphs and line plots are useful real world skills.

**Grade 4** – Innovation Day was the highlight of grade four in December. Students thought about a problem they see in their world and then created a prototype that would solve the problem. We saw everything from heated driveways to eliminating the hockey bag smell! Students spent time at home planing out their day and structuring their time. They came in prepared to work on their projects and followed their own schedules. A very well planned, well prepared and productive day. Parents arrived at the end of the day to see some fascinating displays of projects and information.

Many thanks to our parents for bringing crafts to our rooms. Everyone was so well prepared, each student had a chance to try out all the stations. Creative and fun, the final products were wonderful!

**Grade 5** – Although the temps are dropping, the fifth grade energy level is just heating up. Currently we are enjoying working in book clubs with realistic fiction novels. Regularly scheduled meetings lead

to deep discussions and students are actively taking on the responsibilities of keeping up with their own reading. Opinion writing is teaching the students to look at and research both sides of an issue and weigh the pros and cons before choosing a position to support. In Math, we are wrapping up our study of decimal operations and moving toward a unit on the standard Order of Operations. When we finish the study of Columbus and the Age of Exploration we will turn out focus to Colonial America. The students are rotating into their second unit of Science with a different teacher as the quarter comes to close. Finally we are looking forward to our first meeting with Mr. Larry Chambers of Sargent Center as well as a visit by the Boston Museum of Science.

**Music** – After returning from break, music class has been focusing on instruments again. Over the last two weeks we made a drum circle performing with various instruments. Instruments include bass drum, snare drum, high-hat cymbal, congas, maracas, xylophone and body percussion. Most stations play predetermined rhythm patterns. Students playing at the conga station however, get a chance to have a solo and create their own unique pattern. The students performing body percussion are practicing playing a basic two beat drum pattern. On beat 1, students stomp their right foot on the ground. This is a very common beat to step on the bass pedal while drumming. On beat 2, they pat their left hand on their left leg. Beat 2 is a typical beat to play snare drum on. Finally, the right hand double pats the left shoulder on both beats 1, 2. To keep track of the second hit on each beat we count the pattern, 1 and 2 and. This more active pattern is often played on the hi-hat cymbal.

K-1 have had a chance to play drums. Students made up their own drum patterns while their friends danced and tapped their feet along to the pattern. K-1 have also been singing some fun winter songs.

We just received a shipment of mini keyboards! Students will soon be learning keyboard rudiments. I am excited to help everyone learn some cool beginner songs on the keyboards. We will begin learning about keyboards next week.

**Art** – January is Square One Art month in the art room. All of our Swasey artists have been creatively working on an original piece of art for the Square One Art fundraiser. All funds raised with this fundraiser will go to our Parent Faculty Group and used for special programs that benefit our students. Each grade has an artwork theme, for example second grade students create an artwork of ocean creatures. Our students love being able to get anything from a water bottle to a pillowcase with their own artwork on it! Thank you for sharing your children with me! ~ Mrs. Buswell

*Ron Kew, Principal*

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## Brentwood Recreation News

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am-4:30 pm

**Seniors: February's luncheon** will be at 11:00 am on the 4th Wednesday (February 28th) at the community center.

**Ski Club:** If you'd like to join our subcommittee, or to get on our mailing list, please contact the Recreation Office. This Ski Club is designed to offer discounted lift tickets to our community. We have 3 more trips planned this season: 3 Sunday trips and at least one bus trip (on a Sunday). Visit our website, Recreation Facebook page, or



Recreation Ski Club Facebook page for more information. REGISTER MONDAY BEFORE EACH TRIP. Trip Dates: 2/10-2/11 Attitash/Wildcat "Double Day Deal"), 3/3 (Pat's Peak "Under the Lights"), 3/17 (Bretton Woods "Adult Après Ski" Bus trip).

**Ceramics Class:** Join us at the community center on Thursday, February 1st, 6:30 pm, for our adult ceramics class! Fees: \$2/hr plus the piece you pick to decorate. Pieces start at \$1.50 and go up. Pieces will vary from Valentine's Day to St. Patrick's Day decorations. We will not be doing any "glazing" in this class. Register in person at the town offices, or online! Class will run approximately 2 hours.

**Ice Rink** - is currently open. Come by and skate!

### Spring/Summer Programs

Our 2018 spring and summer programs are now open for registration! Visit our website or stop by the recreation office to register!

**Splash Pad Subcommittee:** The Recreation Department has heard your requests, and we are now seeking individuals to join our Splash Pad Subcommittee. The purpose of this subcommittee is to start gathering data, organizing, planning, and implementing a Splash Pad at the Recreation Complex. If executed properly, this project will have zero effect on your tax bill!

**Teen Advisory Board:** We are looking for creative, recreational teenage enthusiasts who would like to get involved with the Recreation Department's programming process. Positions would require monthly meetings at the town offices. This is a great opportunity to have your voices heard, bring new ideas to the table, and see others benefit from your work. Please contact the Recreation Department for more info.

### ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

**Adult Yoga Class:** Brentwood Community Center. Tuesday evenings, 6:30-7:45 pm. Join Cheryl Rossman RYT500, to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-wk session or \$10/class. Information: [www.letsgetmovin.com](http://www.letsgetmovin.com)

**Yoga Movement For Seniors Free:** Brentwood Community Center. 1st & 3rd Tues. of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd & 4th Tues. at 9:00 am.

**Tang Soo Do Classes:** Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30-8:00 pm. Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is currently a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

**Community Center:** The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rate! See our website for pictures of the Center and rental application, or pick up an application at the Recreation office. For more information and to check availability, please contact the Recreation Department.

### HAVE A GOOD IDEA FOR A NEW PROGRAM?!

The Recreation Department is always looking for new instructors and programs to implement. If you believe your program/event idea would be beneficial to our community, please contact us. It's simple to get a program started, all you need to do is let us know!

For information regarding programs, field rentals, or building rentals, please contact the Recreation Office at 603-642-6400 ext. 20, [www.rec.brentwoodnh.gov](http://www.rec.brentwoodnh.gov)

*David Tovey, Brentwood Recreation Director*

## Vote No on CMS Expansion

Once again I am asking the voters of Brentwood to reject the proposal for the Middle School "renewal/renovation." The Middle School, CMS, opened in 1998 so it is only 20 years young. The previous bond was just retired and the School Board is now asking \$23 million for upgrades. The upgrades will actually cost taxpayers more than the entire original school did because there is currently no building aid from the state (previously 55%). The taxpayers of Brentwood will also have the highest tax burden of any SAU16 town (at over \$200/year for 20 years on an average home) just for the CMS renewal. This is on top of the Swasey School budget, the town budget (going up approx. 10%), the Co-op operating budget (almost \$60 million next year) and any other warrant articles that get approved.

I have two children who attended CMS at its most crowded (2009) when there was no air-conditioning. Now there is quite a bit of air-conditioning, and fewer students. Apart from the cafeteria, which needs to be larger, the biggest CMS complaints have been:

- Lack of rigor,
- Bullying,
- School buses come too early in the morning.

So even if we spend the \$23 million requested, we will still be left with these three pressing problems.

Why do we need such an extensive expansion so soon? Committee members, some of whom have been there since the very beginning, admit that they built the school too small originally. I maintain that they are trying to make up for that now by building it too big. The student population has not increased. The other main reason appears to be that the original school was not built with any Special Ed. rooms because "inclusion" (in regular education classrooms) was the goal.

The other reason that voters should reject expansion is because the current committee did not do their due diligence and came back with the exact same proposal as last year (except \$2 million more expensive) which the voters rejected as being too extensive, too big, and too costly. The committee is trying to "market" the renewal better this year instead of bringing forth a better proposal! The committee never really considered the new modular classrooms that are now available. However, my husband and I did. The Middle School renovation could be cut in half (approx. \$11 million) using three new moduls (2 for teaching pods, one for small Special Ed. rooms with ramp and no need for additional elevator), an enlarged cafeteria, an additional new gym, and some larger music spaces. Not only that, students for the next few years would not need to be displaced as they would need to be during the proposed construction. The proposed construction touches almost every part of the current school.

As I recently told the previous CMS principal: people are moving out of my town as soon as their children graduate from Exeter High School because they can't afford the school taxes. He replied: "But they also move to SAU 16 because of the schools." My response to him was, "they are not moving here for the Middle School."

Please vote NO, this will not be money well spent.

*Liz Faria*

## Brentwood Newsletter Calendar of Events

- Feb 1      **Planning Board** Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm
- Feb 1      **Cemetery Trustees** Meeting, Town Office, 5:00 pm
- Feb 5      **Budget Committee** Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm
- Feb 6      **Board of Selectmen** Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Feb 8      **Cooperative School** Deliberative Session, Exeter High School, 7 pm
- Feb 10     **Arm Knitting Workshop**, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 10 am to 12 pm
- Feb 12     **Town & Swasey School Budget Hearings**, Town Office, 6:30 pm  
(Snow date, Feb 15)
- Feb 12     **Library Trustees** Meeting, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 6:00 pm
- Feb 12     **Fire Safety Tips**, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 5:30-6:30pm.
- Feb 13     **Board of Selectmen** Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Feb 14     **Conservation Commission** Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm
- Feb 14     **Friends of the Library** Meeting, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 12:30 pm
- Feb 15     **Planning Board** Meeting, Town Office, 7:00 pm
- Feb 15     **Deadline to submit items for March BNL**
- Feb 15     **Boy Scout Blue & Gold Banquet**, Grace Ministries, Rt. 125, 6 pm
- Feb 20     **Board of Selectmen** Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Feb 20     **PFG** Meeting, Swasey Central School Library, 6:30 pm
- Feb 20     **Brentwood Gardeners** Meeting, Pilgrim Church, Middle Rd, 7 pm
- Feb 27     **Board of Selectmen** Meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Feb 27     **Recreation Commission Meeting**, Town Office, 6:00 pm
- Feb 27     **Line Dancing for Kids & Teens**, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 11-11:30 (ages 5-10) & 12-12:30 (ages 11-13), 12:35-1:15 (ages 14-18)
- Feb 28     **Senior's Luncheon**, Brentwood Community Center, 11:00 am
- Mar 1      **Line Dancing for Kids & Teens**, Mary E. Bartlett Library, 11-11:30 (ages 5-10) & 12-12:30 (ages 11-13), 12:35-1:15 (ages 14-18)
- Mar 9      **School District Meeting**, Swasey Central School, 6:30 pm

### ONGOING FREE EVENTS

#### Mary E. Bartlett Library

Knitters Group meets every Tues. from 1-3pm & Thurs. at 7pm.  
Brentwood Bookers Discussion Group meets on the last Mon.  
night of each month at 7pm

#### Brentwood Community Center

Yoga Movement for Seniors, Free  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00 am  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:00 am

**Brentwood residents and their guests are welcome at all of these events.**

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